

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

2. AS A CONTINUATION OF THE STEPS TAKEN TO BEGIN A [ILLEG] RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BAZARGAN GOVERNMENT, WE WOULD CHARGE LAINGEN TO PROVIDE SELECTED INTEL ORALLY RPT ORALLY AFGHANISTAN TO YAZDI OR BAZARGAN. THESE ITEMS WOULD BE CABLED TO STATION BY HQS TO PASS TO LAINGEN. THE FIRST OF THIS INFO FOLLOWS BELOW. LAINGEN SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT INFO BEING PROVIDED AS PART OF EFFORT BEGUN BY THE 22 AUGUST BRIEFING IN [ILLEG] HE SHOULD ALSO REQUEST BAZARGAN OR YAZDI FOR ANY CORROBORATION OF THIS INFO WHICH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE OR BE ABLE TO GET. WE WANT THUS TO ENCOURAGE INTEL DIALOGUE RPT DIALOGUE. YOU MAY ASSURE LAINGEN STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF THIS REQUEST, AND CONCURS.

3. ON 17 AUGUST, A SENIOR SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION LED BY A FOUR STAR GENERAL ARRIVED IN KABUL. THE GENERAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY 12 OTHER GENERALS AND SIX COLONELS. THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN FOR ABOUT 25 DAYS TO STUDY THE INSURGENCY SITUATION. THE SOVIET ADVISORY ROLE WITH THE AFGHAN MILITARY HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IN ADDITION, IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION THAT SOVIET TROOPS [ILLEG] BRIGADE STRENGTH HAD ARRIVED IN KABUL POSSIBLY TO PROTECT SOVIET CITIZENS AND FACILITIES. WE DO HAVE RELIABLE [ILLEG] THAT APPROXIMATELY 400 SOVIET TROOPS ARE STATIONED AT BARGAM [ILLEG] KABUL.

4. [ILLEG] WILL NOTE STATE R41748 OF 14 SEPTEMBER REGARDING SHIFTING DIALOGUE ON AFGHANISTAN WITH GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.

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MESSAGE MAY HAVE BEEN STIMULATED BY OUR CLEARING [WORDS ILLEG] PROPOSAL WITH STATE, BUT IN ANY CASE ITS THRUST AND SCOPE ARE INTENDED TO BE COMPLEMENTARY. FOR EXAMPLE [WORDS ILLEG] AFGHAN SITUATION IN GENERAL WITH YAZDI OR BAZARGAN [WORDS ILLEG] SHOULD PASS PARA THREE INFO AND ASK FOR IRANIAN CORROBORATION.

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TO: PRIORITY TEHRAN INFO KABUL

UNINTL INFO

REF: TEHRAN 54262 (NOT SENT/NEEDED KABUL)

1. FOR KABUL. HWY REQUESTS THAT TEHRAN BE ADVISED ON AFGHAN SITUATION. THE KABUL COMPLY.

2. AS A CONTINUATION OF THE STEPS TAKEN TO BEGIN A LINGEN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BAZARGAN GOVERNMENT, WE WILL CHARGE LINGEN TO PROVIDE SELECTED INTL ORALLY AND ORALLY INFORMATION TO KABUL ON BAZARGAN. THESE ITEMS WOULD BE: 1. NO STATION BY HOS TO PASS TO LINGEN. THE FIRST OF THIS INFO WOULD BE LINGEN. LINGEN SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT INFO BEING WILDED AS PART OF EFFORT BEGUN BY THE 22 AUGUST BEGINNING IN TEHRAN. HE SHOULD ALSO REQUEST BAZARGAN OR NAZDI FOR ANI CORROBORATION OF THIS INFO WHICH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE OR BE ABLE GET. WE WANT THIS TO ENCOURAGE INTL DIALOGUE AND DIALOGUE. YOU MAY ASSURE LINGEN STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF THIS REQUEST, AND CONCURS.

3. ON 17 AUGUST, A SENIOR SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION OF 14 MEMBERS, A FOUR STAR GENERAL ARRIVED IN KABUL. THE GENERAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY 12 OTHER GENERALS AND SIX COLONELS. THE DELEGATION WAS REQUESTED TO REMAIN FOR ABOUT 25 DAYS TO STUDY THE AFGHAN SITUATION. THE SOVIET ADVISORY ROLE WITH THE AFGHAN MILITARY HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IN ADDITION, IN SEPTEMBER IT RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION THAT 100,000 SOVIET TROOPS AND REGIMENT STRENGTH HAD ARRIVED IN KABUL POSSIBLY TO PROTECT SOVIET CITIZENS AND FACILITIES. WE DO TAKE RELIABLE REPORT APPROXIMATELY 400 SOVIET TROOPS ARE STATIONED AT BAZARGAN.

4. LINGEN WILL NOTE STATE 241748 OF 14 SEPTEMBER REGARDING DIALOGUE ON AFGHANISTAN WITH GOVERNMENT OF AFGHAN.

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